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Western Europe: Opponents of the Greek regime in the Council of Europe are pressing their case for expulsion of Greece at the December meeting.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands want to oust Greece for violation of human rights and failure to move toward constitutional government. The Greek junta has submitted documents to the Council's Human Rights Commission proposing Red Cross investigation of Greek detention facilities and promising movement toward constitutional government. The four complainants have rejected the proposals, doubting the Greek Government's good faith.

France, Germany, and Britain do not want Greece to leave the council. They believe that the council is one forum where European governments can try to influence democratic development in Greece. They are also concerned that the council debate could spill over into NATO and provoke a dispute there. Those who favor keeping Greece on the council might be able to forestall expulsion, but continued hostility toward the junta might provoke the Greeks into resigning.

Meanwhile, Greek relations with the European Economic Community are deteriorating. The Community permitted certain provisions of the treaty of association to lapse last July. Under present circumstances it probably will not take any positive action to maintain the current level of benefits that Greece enjoys with the Community.

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